

Remarks

In the office action mailed October 18, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-19, 24, 29, 30 and 38-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,788,767 (Lambke). Further, the Examiner rejected claims 20, 31-33, 35 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambke in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0264667 (Hu). The Examiner also rejected claims 11 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambke in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,506 (Kermani). The Examiner rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambke in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,937,050 (Yue). Additionally The Examiner rejected claim 14 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but noted that the claim would be allowable if written in independent format.

In response to the Examiner's claim objections, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 14 and its parent, claim 13. Applicants have cancelled claims 13-41. As a result, claim 1 now recites the subject matter of claim 14 that the Examiner indicated would be allowable. Thus, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-12 all depend from claim 1. Thus, those claims are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

By making the amendments noted above, Applicants do not acquiesce in the claim rejections. However, Applicants have made the claim amendments without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution.

Now pending in this application are claims 1-12, of which claim 1 is independent and the remainder are dependent. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that all pending

claims are now in condition for allowance, and thus Applicants respectfully request notice to that effect.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application with the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 312-913-2141.

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